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Greetings From the East

The first six months of my term as Master of the Lodge is nearly completed and summer vacations are upon us. I can assure you that every minute of it has been an enjoyable one and only regret that the time has passed so rapidly.

As usual the past month of May has been a very busy and memorable one for your Master, officers and Craft Team.

During the month of May we were host to Tecumseh Lodge of Tecumseh, Michigan, Monroe Lodge of Monroe, Michigan, and also Wayne Lodge of Wayne, Michigan. Phoenix Lodge was also on the road being guest of Lavonia Lodge at Plymouth where the Fellow Craft Team confered the long form Master Mason degree preceeded by a very delicious dinner. And on Saturday night May 20 the Officers and Craft Team were guests of Saline Lodge at a good dinner. The Craft Team again portrayed the long form Master Masons Degree all in conjunction with helping them celebrate their one hundreth year in Masonic activities and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who made the trip. Phoenix Lodge should be justly proud of the craft team as they have made themselves quite a reputation and do a very wonderful job in representing our lodge. A lot of new friends have been made along with the good will and stimulating the activities in Masonery as a whole.

On Tuesday, May 23 and Wednesday, May 24 your Master and Senior Warden spent 2 days at Grand Lodge and many things of knowledge were gained by being in regular attendance. A full report will be made at our regular in June.

On Tuesday night, May 16 Phoenix Lodge honored our Senior Warden preceeded by a delicious dinner and followed by a very inspiring talk by Harold Koch, Past Master of

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Trestle Board

June 13	Regular	7:30 P.M.
June 20	M. M. Degree Dinner Visit by Plymouth Rock	6:30 P.M.
June 24	Phoenix Lodge to Wayne Open 4 P.M., Dinner	6:30 P.M.
June 27	F. C. Degree	7:30 P.M.
July 11	Regular	7:30 P.M.
August 8	Regular	7:30 P.M.
September 5	E. A. Degree	7:30 P.M.
September 12	Regular	
September 19	M. M. Degree	7:30 P.M.
	Dinner	6:30 P.M.

Travel With The Fellowcraft Team

The past two weeks has seen the Fellowcraft team in a great deal of travelling, a great deal of work, and lots of fun, and fellowship.

On May 20 the team went to Saline to participate in the Centennial of that Lodge. Belleville Lodge was the scene of action on June 1, and June 3 saw the team performing at Gaylord, Michigan.

Probably the most exciting of the three was the trip to Gaylord. Twenty-one Brothers made the trip, and a good time was had by all.

We all checked into the Timberly Motel before operations began at the Masonic Temple.

A most delicious Ham dinner was served at the Temple, and if anyone did not get enough to eat it was because they were too lazy to reach their mouth. Even some of our most ardent chow hounds got their fill. It was rumored that Henry Van Riper ate three pieces of pie, and that Noble Goings lost his plate, but they will have to be verified at a later date.

Two long forms were put on by the team in excellent form. One was on a candidate from Gaylord Lodge, and one on a candidate from Mancelona Lodge.

A standing ovation was given the team at the completion of the work. Worshipful Master Roland Brown of Gaylord Lodge No. 366 brought the team back after the work for individual introductions.

After the work everyone retired to the Sugar Bowl Restaurant for refreshment and

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Eastern Star ...ews

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We are now approaching our summer season and time to be thinking of vacations, but we still have two important meetings in June.

Our regular meeting will be June 12 at 7:30 P.M. and our special meeting June 26.

At our meeting June 26, dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. and we will have initiation at 8 P.M..

Try to attend these meetings for we do need our sisters and brothers on the side lines to welcome our new candidates and this will be the last time you may see this year's officers do the work.

I have received word that Margaret Mathews, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, Order of the Eastern Star plans to visit our Chapter in June.

Congratulations to Sister Maxine Carter on the arrival of a new son.

We wish a speedy recovery to Sister Harriet Waterbury who is at this time in Beyer Hospital.

May we have the pleasure of seeing you at our next meeting.

Fraternally yours,
Laura Geib,
Worthy Matron

Michigan Masons Name Willard Saur Grand Master

by J. Fairbairn

Back yonder when space was merely a Buck Rogers dream, some minor poet of waggish temperament attempt to capture the essence of the Apple Orchard by means of a limerick. His poetic interpre-

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Willard Saur

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tation went something like this:

"Apples in the Orchard,
Gold and Red and Green;
Hanging from the branches,
Ripest ever seen."

It would almost seem that the poet was speaking about Willard Saur, Michigan's 111th Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, who was named as the State's First Mason May 24, 1961, at Detroit, during the closing session of the 135th Annual Communication. The new Grand Master is an expert, scientific applegrower and his orchards, storage, and preservation plants are known far and wide for the absolute in perfection.

The new Grand Master is the 12th Kent County Mason to occupy the top Masonic office and the only one from Sparta, since the other eleven hailed from Grand Rapids.

Born on Farm

Willard Saur was born on a farm in Alpine Township, Kent County, Michigan, on August 31, 1905. He is the son of Wilhelmina and Nelson Saur.

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Following the arrival of this new addition to the family, the Saurs continued their calm and peaceful lives as farm folk and the joys of childhood and all the pleasantries of Michigan farm life were experienced by the future Grand Master as he grew to manhood.

During this period of his "growing up," his father moved the family from the farm in Alpine Township to another farm in Sparta and, later, to the very farm where Michigan's Grand Master now resides.

The importance of education was not overlooked and Willard is the definite product of the Sparta School System. Here he accumulated many precious memories of small-town school life to carry into and enrich his adult years.

Follows Father's Footsteps

Grand Master Saur's adult life has, in two ways, paralleled his father's: he chose to continue living the extremely pleasant life known only to farm dwellers; and he, also, followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a Freemason. His father, Nelson Saur, was a Life Member of Sparta Lodge No. 334.

Young Willard petitioned Sparta Lodge for membership and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Sparta Lodge on December 20,

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Travel With The Fellowcraft Team

(Continued from page 1) fellowship. Numerous diversions occupied the brothers the remainder of the evening. All of the brothers returned to Ypislanti Sunday morning.

The brothers making the trip to Gaylord and participating in the work were Erwin Hendershot, Paul Hamilton, Nels Mickelson, Charles Hall, Noble Goings, James Smith, Troy Bird, Ruben Woodley, Bluford Robinson, Ray Vorce, John Pinkston, Walter Prieskorn, Clifton Riley, Herbert Brock, Floyd Ring, Clayton Proctor, Frank Brickel, Allen Ogle, James Mohler, Norm Holder, Henry Van Riper.

Thursday, June 1 the team went to Belleville to confer the Master Mason Degree on one candidate. After a fine dinner the team showed why it is one of the leading fellowcraft teams in this area with a fine performance.

The brothers participating in this work were Ed Sawyer, Herbert Brock, Norm Holder, John Pinkston, Everett Addington, Nels Mickelson, Erwin Hendershot, Andrew Patrina, Henry Van Riper, Noble Goings, Richard Schlanderer, Park Vaughn, Frank Brickell, Clayton Proctor, Allen Ogle, Ray Vorce, Harold Hawks, Ruben Woodley, Floyd Ring, Paul Daniels, Clifton Riley.

Saturday, May 20 the Fellowcraft team put on the second section of the Master Mason Degree to highlight Saline Lodge No. 133's One Hundredth Anniversary celebration.

The degree work was preceded by a bounteous dinner at the St. Pauls E.R. Church. After the entertainment the team retired to the old Saline High Schol Gymnasium. This was the scene of the work, which was a little unusual since it was the first time we had ever put the work on in a gymnasium.

Willard Saur

(Continued from page 2) 1926. He was elected to be Worshipful Master of that lodge on December 9, 1929, and installed on December 16, succeeding his brother, Charles C. Saur, who served as Master in 1928. His brother, later, transferred to a lodge in Grand Rapids.

Active Mason

Most Worshipful Brother Saur has been a most enthusiastic Freemason and has added considerable activity in Capitular Masonry to his Masonic career. He is a member of Kent Chapter No. 106, R.A.M., and served as its Excellent High Priest in 1935.

Listed among his other Masonic affiliations are memberships in DeMolai Commandery No. 5, K.T., DeWitt Clinton Consistory, A.A.S.R., and Saladin Shrine Temple.

Elected to Grand Lodge

Michigan's new Grand Master is an expert ritualist and his degree portrayals are always impressive even to the most minute detail and he has thus earned much Masonic praise for his thoroughness and efficiency.

Having acquired this reputation, it was more than natural that we should find him, some twenty-five years after he served as Master, entering the official line of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan. He was elected Worshipful Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge at Detroit, Tuesday, May 25, 1955.

Weds Veatrice Bettes

The new Grand Master experienced an extremely happy and successful launching upon the sea of matrimony when he married Veatrice Bettes, a girl of charm and considerable personality. To this union has been born two sons and a daughter and there are, now, five grandchildren.

The three children, two sons and one daughter, definitely have followed in their father's footsteps inasmuch as Charles R. and Roger V. are both members of Sparta Lodge and the daughter, Patricia, married Marvin Lockard who is, of course, also a member of Sparta Lodge. The elder son, Charles, is also a Past Master of his father's and and grandfather's lodge and Roger, although not presently in the official lineup, served as Steward.

Saur Orchards

As indicated in the beginning of this biographical sketch, Grand Master Saur has made a name for himself in the agricultural world and his apple orchards are among the finest in the United States.

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Dearborn Lodge, leaving the brothers with some very serious items to think about after which we ajourned to the Lodge Room where our Senior Warden conducted a very fine degree in the Master Masons Degree. I must say that on every occasion our Senior Warden has been presiding in the East on any degree, he has conducted himself well in presenting the work.

Our DeMolay boys are doing a very fine job in their work and it would be greatly appreciated if more of the Master Masons could find time to attend one of their meetings and add encouragement and support to the brothers. We are in need of 2 or 3 brothers who would be able to serve on the Advisory Board. If any one cares to come our regular board meeting, it is the first Monday of every month. If you see that you can find time contact Bruce Vint, Board Chairman, or Stanley Groh, Dad Advisor, and I am sure they would welcome any help or assistance that you could afford them.

On June 3 several of the officers and members of the Craft Team traveled to Gaylor, Michigan to confer the long form Master Masons Degree on 2 brothers and a most enjoyable evening was had preceeded by a delicious dinner served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

The master and members of Gaylord Lodge were very well pleased at the portrayal of the Master Masons Degree in the fine manner that it was conducted. Our Fellowcraft Team did a stand out job and again may I say that Phoenix Lodge can be justly proud of this fine group of Masons who give so much of their time and efforts in portraying this degree on a brother that he should never want to forget it. Our former brother Hurst Wilson was a most excellent host and a fine time was had by all through his efforts.

Our Secretary, Brother Ralph Oltmans, brought to my attention this week that there are still many outstanding dues. This makes his job harder. Brothers if you have not mailed your check to Ralph why not do it now and save him added work. He'll appreciate it and then you won't need to worry about it again 'till next year.

The officers and myself are still looking forward to seeing you Past Masters to a meeting now and then and as yet we have not seen them. Why not come and join in the fellowship with your brother Masons and renew old friendships. As usual we will be dark after June 27, holding only regular meetings in July and August and reopening Lodge on September 5 for our fall session. Hope you all have a fine summer and vacation and be ready to start in again this fall with new hopes and vigor for a really good fall session.

Notice to Fellowcraft Team, we will confer a Master Masons Degree in our own Lodge on June 20, preceeded by a dinner. Our last work for the spring term will be at Wayne, Michigan on Saturday, June 24. The officers and team will confer the Master Masons Degree in its entirety. Please make every effort to make our two last portrayals as good as you have done all year.

E. P. Hendershot, W. M.

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Retrospections

by Uncle Lou

Captain Edgar Bogardus, who served Phoenix Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1864 was born April 5, 1813 at Catskill, N. Y., a son of Egbert and Elsie C. Bogardus. He joined Phoenix Lodge December 27, 1860 by affiliation, probably from some Eastern Lodge.

He served as a Captain in the 14th Regt. in the Mexican War and fought in some of the hottest battles of that war, being wounded at Chapultepec. After the war he went to California where he engaged extensively in mining and kept a trading post. In 1854, Captain Bogardus was elected to the legislature from Eldorado County, and 1856 he was elected Sheriff.

In 1859 he spent six months in Europe. In the latter part of that year he came to Ypsilanti where, with his son Francis P. Bogardus, he established the banking firm of E. and F. P. Bogardus.

His liking for public service was again demonstrated in Ypsilanti where he was chosen as Mayor in 1865-66.

Brother Bogardus was twice married. In 1833, he married Adaline Smith who died fourteen months later. His second wife was Elizabeth Whiting by whom he had three children, Francis P., J. Henry, and Adaline S. He died May 27, 1882 in Ypsilanti and was buried in Block 100 in our Highland Cemetery.

In Memoriam

During May one brother was elevated to that Celestial Lodge above over which the Supreme Grand Master presides.

Brother Earl Raymond Thompson was buried in Louisville, Kentucky.

Earl Raymond Thompson
Born: February 10, 1904
Enterred Apprentice:
June 1, 1948
Fellowcraft: June 22, 1948
Master Mason:
September 21, 1948
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